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JOURNALS AND NEW BOOKS

JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. February 1918. *Methods and Results of a Class Experiment in Learning* (pp. 63-82) : W. F. DEARBORN and J. M. BREWER. — General principles concerning individual differences, characteristics of the curve of learning, correlation, effect of various factors on individual progress, characteristics of the curve of re-learning, and facilitation or interference as a result of practise are illustrated by a class experiment. *Certain Abilities Fundamental to the Study of Geometry* (pp. 83-90) : J. H. MINNICK. — Four abilities are called upon in the formal demonstration of a theorem of geometry—ability to draw a figure, ability to state the hypothesis and conclusions, ability to recall additional facts about a figure when one or more facts are given and ability to select from the available facts those that are necessary for a proof, and to arrange them so as to arrive at the desired conclusion. The purpose of the experiment was to determine the relation of each of these four abilities to teachers' marks, to determine the extent to which these abilities are developed in the various schools included in the investigation, to develop tests which may be used for the purpose of diagnosis. *A Study of a Class of Children of Superior Intelligence* (pp. 91-98) : HENRIETTA V. RACE. — From the study it was concluded that gifted children are able to accomplish, with ease, the ordinary two years school work in one year, that they are apt to be unusually able in various fields of human learning, that they are especially capable of handling ideas and that their thinking is marked with quickness and directness. *Communications and Discussions. Abstracts and Reviews. Editorial. Notes and News. Publications received.*

Calkins, Mary Whiton. *The Good Man and the Good: an Introduction to Ethics*. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1918. Pp. xx + 219. \$1.30.

Sarkar, Benoy Kumar. *Hindu Achievements in Exact Science: A Study in the History of Scientific Development*. New York, London and Bombay: Longmans, Green and Company. 1918. Pp. xiii + 82. \$1.00.

NOTES AND NEWS

THE Summer Training School of Psychiatric Social Work conducted by the Boston Psychopathic Hospital and Smith College under the auspices of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene opened at Smith College July 7th with an enrollment of 68 young women

from 21 states and as many colleges. The purpose of the school was to give in eight weeks the theoretical background necessary to prepare social workers to assist in the rehabilitation of soldiers suffering from "shell shock" and other nervous and mental disorders. The courses which were offered included the following range of subjects: Social Service, Miss Mary C. Jarrett, Boston Psychopathic Hospital, director of the school; Psychiatry, Dr. Edith Spaulding, Bedford Hills; clinical lectures, Dr. J. A. Houston, Northampton State Hospital for the Insane, the clinics being held at the hospital; Sociology, Professor F. Stuart Chapin, Smith College; Psychology, Professor David C. Rogers, Smith College; Mental Tests, Miss Ruth S. Clark, Smith College. Additional lectures were given to the school by the following: Dr. E. E. Southard, Boston Psychopathic Hospital; Dr. L. Pierce Clark, New York City; Dr. Walter S. Fernald, School for Feeble-Minded, Waverley, Mass.; Dr. Adolf Meyer, Phipp's Clinic, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. William Healy, Baker Foundation, Boston, Mass.; Dr. A. A. Brill, New York City; President Raymond L. Wilbur, Leland Stanford University; Captain A. E. Bott, Hart House, Toronto, Ont.; Captain C. B. Farrar, Cobourg Military Hospital, Cobourg, Ont.; Dr. James J. Putnam, Boston, Mass.; Dr. H. W. Frink, New York City; Dr. Abraham Myerson, Dr. Lawson Lowrey, and Dr. Josephine Foster, Boston Psychopathic Hospital; Dr. George Amsden and Dr. Charles Lambert, Bloomingdale Hospital, White Plains, N. Y.; Dr. George Kirby, Dr. H. A. Harrington, and Dr. Clarence Cheney, Psychiatric Institute, Ward's Island, N. Y.; Dr. E. Flood, Monsen State Hospital, Palmer, Mass.; Dr. Albert Barrett, Psychopathic Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Dr. H. A. Mitchell, State Hospital, Warren, Pa.; Dr. T. H. Ames, New York City; Professor H. N. Gardiner, Smith College; Dr. Frank P. Norberry, New York City; Dr. Herbert Hall, Marblehead, Mass. Of the 58 students who satisfactorily completed the course, those who had not previously had the required amount of practical work were assigned to the following clinics and hospitals for six months further training: Boston Psychopathic Hospital; Phipp's Clinic, Baltimore, Md.; Manhattan State Hospital, Ward's Island, N. Y.; Neurological Clinic, New York City; Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Boston State Hospital; Boston Dispensary; University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charity Organization, New York City; Cornell Clinic, New York City; Society for Organizing Charity, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Home Service, American Red Cross, Boston, Mass.

THE Council of the American Psychological Association has voted to abandon the annual meeting which was scheduled for December, 1918.